

Bio Emmitt Thrower

Emmitt H Thrower – Emmitt is a retired disabled NYC Police Officer, an Audelco Awards nominated Actor, a Producer of off Broadway theater, old school R and B and Pop music as well as an award winning filmmaker. He also is a certified access producer for Bronxnet Public Access TV in New York City.

Emmitt won national recognition and 3 film awards for his documentary on Police Brutality Against People with Disabilities entitled “**Where is Hope: The Art of Murder**”. It is currently available worldwide in universities/colleges and public libraries on the Kanopy.com educational streaming service. He also received a “Best Comedy” award from the American Filmatic Arts Awards (AFAA) for his comedy/drama web series and short film “Pigs in a Bowl: The Soup Opera and Pigs in a Bowl: Living the Nightmare”

He has produced such documentaries as “**Happy**” a feature documentary about life at a Bronx senior center. **New Borning: The Creactivist** a short documentary about an award winning photo journalist from Prague on her journey of discovery to the Bronx NY. This was something she so badly wanted to do. The film “**For the Love of Ebony**” is a feature documentary about a Bronx child who was abandoned and traumatized in a Bronx shelter by her drug addicted mother. “**Silent Sellers**” is a short documentary about the struggle of street vendors in the South Bronx trying to survive and feed their families. They fall prey to black-marketer's who rent them permits at exorbitant prices as they fight to get more vendor licenses in NYC. “**Soul of a Priest**” is a feature documentary that tells the story of a Bronx poet/artist who was raised in a foster home and explores his struggles with alcoholism and self hate and his unique art. “**Disability and Cultural Activism**” is a feature documentary completed in 2020 that explores the efforts of a disabled poet/artist/activist. He is a Bronx NYC native who fights against police brutality against people with disabilities using poetry, art and hiphop music.

As an actor Emmitt has performed in numerous off Broadway productions as historical figures such as Paul Robeson, Patrice Lumumba, Jean Paul Marat, Jesse Jackson, Satchel Paige, Jackie Robinson, Muhammed Ali and his **AUDELCO** award nominated portrayal of Malcolm X in the stage production **Billie and Malcolm: A Demonstration** in NYC. He has also produced numerous off Bway and off off Bway stage productions including “**Katrina: A Whole Lotta Water**”, A hip hop multimedia musical about the hurricane Katrina

tragedy that he also toured to Baltimore Maryland and **Barry White: Guided by Destiny** a tribute to the life of music legend Barry White after his death from a stroke.

As a writer Emmitt has written over a dozen stage-plays that have had numerous stage readings and off off Bway productions. He was asked to write the back cover statement to the Autobiography of his late friend a former heroine addict and South Bronx gang member Gumersindo Vidot. The book is entitled "**You only lived Twice**". He is part of a trio of artists / writers / activists who were selected to contribute a chapter in the recently release book "**Occupying Disability: Critical Approaches to Community**". The contributing chapter is **Black and Blue: Policing Disability & Poverty Beyond Occupy**.

Emmitt recently partnered with and produced with his longtime friend the vocalist/songwriter "Onee" an album entitled "Love on the Rise". They released this old school sounding music album in 2020 which includes dance music. love songs and a jazzy Sax instrumental featuring talented Japanese sax player Kazuki Kitamori.

Emmitt was awarded a **B.R.I.O.** Award from the Bronx Council of the Arts for his film work. He has received numerous grants over the years from BCA to further his artistic work. Other awards received include "The Independent Spirit Award" in culture, The Katrina Award and the "We Are The Bronx Fellowship" Certificate of Achievement Award. He is the former chairman of the "Otto Awards" for political theater and a member of Actors Equity.

Originally from Bearden Arkansas and raised in Brooklyn NY. He is currently married and living in the South Bronx. He is the father of 3 grown sons.